

## **SUBCHAPTER A—THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE**

### **Bylaws of the Board of Governors**

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AUTHORITY: 39 U.S.C. 101, 202, 205, 401(2), 402, 403, 3621, as enacted by Public Law 91-375.

SOURCE: 59 FR 18447, Apr. 18, 1994, unless otherwise noted.

##### **§ 1.1 Establishment of the U.S. Postal Service.**

The U.S. Postal Service is established under the provisions of the Postal Reorganization Act (the Reorganization Act) of August 12, 1970, Public Law 91-375, 84 Stat. 719, as an independent establishment of the executive branch of the Government of the United States, under the direction of a Board of Governors, with the Postmaster General as its chief executive officer. The Board of Governors of the Postal Service (the Board) directs the exercise of its powers through management that is expected to be honest, efficient, economical, and mindful of the competitive business environment in which the Postal Service operates. The Board consists of nine Governors appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to represent the public interest generally, together with the Postmaster General and Deputy Postmaster General.

##### **§ 1.2 Delegation of authority.**

Except for powers, duties, or obligations specifically vested in the Governors by law, the Board may delegate its authority to the Postmaster General under such terms, conditions, and limitations, including the power of re-delegation, as it finds desirable. The bylaws of the Board are the framework of the system through which the Board monitors the exercise of the authority it has delegated, measures progress toward the goals it has set, and shapes

the policies to guide the future development of the Postal Service. Delegations of authority do not relieve the Board of full responsibility for carrying out its duties and functions, and are revocable by the Governors in their exclusive judgment.

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AUTHORITY: 39 U.S.C. 202, 203, 205(c), 207, 401(2), as enacted by Pub. L. 91-375, and 5 U.S.C. 552b(f), (g), as enacted by Pub. L. 94-409.

SOURCE: 59 FR 18447, Apr. 18, 1994, unless otherwise noted.

##### **§ 2.1 Office of the Board of Governors.**

There shall be located in Washington, DC an Office of the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service. It shall be the function of this Office to provide staff support for the Board, as directed by the Chairman of the Board, to enable the Board to carry out effectively its duties under the Reorganization Act.

##### **§ 2.2 Agent for receipt of process.**

The General Counsel of the Postal Service shall act as agent for the receipt of legal process against the Postal Service, and as agent for the receipt of legal process against the Board of Governors or a member of the Board, in his or her official capacity, and all other officers and employees of the Postal Service to the extent that the process arises out of the official functions of those officers and employees. The General Counsel shall also issue public certifications concerning closed meetings of the Board as appropriate under 5 U.S.C. 552b(f).

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### § 2.3 Offices.

The principal office of the Postal Service is located in Washington, DC, with such regional and other offices and places of business as the Postmaster General establishes from time to time, or the business of the Postal Service requires.

### § 2.4 Seal.

(a) The Seal of the Postal Service is filed by the Board in the Office of the Secretary of State, and is required by 39 U.S.C. 207 to be judicially noticed. The Seal shall be in the custody of the General Counsel, who shall affix it to all commissions of officers of the Postal Service, and use it to authenticate records of the Postal Service and for other official purposes. The following describes the Seal adopted for the Postal Service:

(1) A stylized bald eagle is poised for flight, facing to the viewer's right, above two horizontal bars between which are the words "U.S. MAIL", surrounded by a square border with rounded corners consisting of the words "UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE" on the left, top, and right, and consisting of nine five-pointed stars on the base.

(2) The color representation of the Seal shows, a white field on which the bald eagle appears in dark blue, the words "U.S. MAIL" in black, the bar above the words in red, the bar below in blue, and the entire border consisting of the words "UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE" and stars in ochre.



(b) The location and description of the Postal Service emblem is described at 39 CFR 221.9.

### § 2.5 Authority.

These bylaws are adopted by the Board under the authority conferred upon the Postal Service by 39 U.S.C. 401(2) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(g).

### § 2.6 Severability, amendment, repeal, and waiver of bylaws.

The invalidity of any provision of these bylaws does not affect the validity of the remaining provisions, and for this purpose these bylaws are severable. The Board may amend or repeal these bylaws at any special or regular meeting, provided that each member of the Board has received a written notice containing a statement of the proposed amendment or repeal at least 5 days before the meeting. The members of the Board may waive the 5 days' notice or the operation of any other provision of these bylaws by unanimous consent, if that action is not prohibited by law. The Secretary shall submit the text of any amendment to these bylaws for publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER as soon as practicable after the amendment is adopted by the Board.

## PART 3—BOARD OF GOVERNORS (ARTICLE III)

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